

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF NEW HUNSTANTON.

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR1947.

Area (in acres): 1498 (including 434 acres of Foreshore).

Registrar-General's estimate of
resident population: 3115.Number of inhabited houses (end of 1947) according
to Rate Books: 1010Rateable value and sum represented by a penny rate: £28,957
£ 119Social condition, including the chief industries carried
on in the area, and the extent of Unemployment:- None.Vital Statistice.

	Total	M. F.		
Legitimate	50	23	27	Birth rate per 1000 estimated resident population mid 1947:-
Live Births				
Illegitimate	5	3	2	17.6
Still births	1	-	1	Rate per 1000 total (live and still) births:- 17.9
Deaths	55	21	34	Death rate per 1000 estimated population:- 17.6
Death from puerperal causes.		<u>Deaths.</u>		Rate per 1000 total (live and still) Births.
No. 29 Puerperal sepsis	0			0
No. 30 Other puerperal causes:		<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
Total:		<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>

Death rate of infants under one year of age:- Total 3 2M 1F
 All infants, per 1000 live births: 54.5
 Legitimate infants per 1000
 legitimate live births: 60
 Illegitimate infants per 1000
 illegitimate live births: None.

Deaths from Cancer (all ages): 11 M.3. F.8.
 Measles (all ages) 0 0
 Whooping cough (all
 ages) 0 0
 Diarrhoea (under 2 years
 of age) 0 0

Particulars of any unusual or excessive mortality during the year
which has been received or required comment: None.Any causes of sickness or invalidity which have been specially
noteworthy in the area during the year; any conditions of occupation
or environment, which appear to have had a prejudicial effect on
health; and any evidence, statistical or otherwise, that unemployment
has exercised any significant influence on the health or physique
of children or adults: None.

SECTION B. General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

1. One part-time Medical Officer of Health. Building Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector. District Nurse.
2. (a) Laboratory facilities: None other than Medical Research Council Laboratory at the Norwich City Isolation Hospital.
- (b) Ambulance facilities: For non-infectious and accident cases a Motor ambulance is provided by a Local Committee of the St. John Ambulance Brigade and British Red Cross Society conjointly for use in the District. It is worked by a Local Committee and is self-supporting as far as possible.
- (c) Nursing in the home: The District Nurse undertakes this.
- (d) Treatment centres and)
 clinics, including clinics) This work is undertaken at the
 used solely for diagnoses) King's Lynn Hospital.
 or consultation:)
- (e) Hospitals: Public and None other than the King's Lynn
 Voluntary: Hospital.

SECTION C. Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

1. Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

The Sewage Disposal plant at New Hunstanton has operated satisfactorily during the year.

The sewerage of Hunstanton North remains unsatisfactory but plans for re-sewering and the ejection of sewage into the New Hunstanton Works are proceeding.

2. House Refuse.

A weekly collection of house refuse is in operation. During the summer months collections at large hotels and catering establishments are carried out twice weekly or more frequently if necessary.

The means of disposal of refuse is by Controlled Tipping. For this purpose land on the South Beach is utilised during the winter months and the Heacham Quarry during the summer months. The tips receive frequent application of Tip Dressing to obviate nuisance from insects and the rodent operator carries out regular bi-annual clearances.

3. Water Supply.

This was the first full year's pumping with the electric pumps and apart from minor breakdown and compulsory cuts in electric current the pumps operated satisfactorily.

During the year 4 samples of water were submitted for bacteriological examination. The analysis showed that during periods of heavy rain some surface water was gaining access to the spring, but also showed that chlorination was being carried out efficiently.

With the exception of 29 houses in Hunstanton North all houses have direct mains supply of water. These 29 houses have mains supply from communal taps.

SECTION D. Housing.

The total number of families housed in Requisitioned Properties at the end of the year was 45.

The small estate of 5 Bungalows for Aged Persons in Park Road, was completed during the year and the Bungalows were occupied in October, 1947.

No other Council Houses were in course of erection during the year but plans were put in hand for the acquisition of land off Hill Street to provide eventually for an estate of approximately 50 houses.

A considerable number of inspections were made under the Housing Act, 1936, during the year and informal notices were served in a number of cases.

SECTION E.

Milk Supply.

There are now no producers within the Urban Area.

Meat and Other Foods.

The following foods were condemned as unfit for human consumption during the year:-

Fish	105 lbs.
Meat	120 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.
Flour	99 lbs.
Tinned meat	22 lbs.
Tinned Fish	56 lbs.
Tinned milk	32 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs.
Tinned fruit	646 lbs.
Miscellaneous tinned foods	53 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.
Other foods.	139 lbs.

Ice Cream.

The Heat Treatment Regulations for Ice Cream came into force during the year.

Regular inspections were made of Manufacturers' and Retailers' premises and 16 samples of ice cream were dispatched for analysis.

SECTION F. Prevalence of, and control over, Infectious and Other diseases.

Not sufficient to call for comment.

Diphtheria Immunisation:-

Prophylactic used:- Government supplied A.P.T. (B.W. & Co.)

Number immunised.

<u>Under 5 years.</u>	<u>5 - 15 years.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
56	0	56

Existing facilities for typing pneumococci and provision of appropriate type sera: None.

Notifiable Diseases during 1947.

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Total cases notified</u>	<u>Cases admitted to Hospital</u>	<u>Total Deaths.</u>
Smallpox	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	1	0	0
Diphtheria	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	0	0	0
Puerperal Fever	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	0	0	0

Pneumonia	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	1	0	0
Measles	26	0	0
Jaundice	5	0	0
Erysipelas	0	0	0

3. Tuberculosis.
 It has not been necessary to take any action.

4. Tuberculosis.

New Cases and Mortality during 1947.

Age periods	<u>NEW CASES</u>				<u>DEATHS</u>			
	Respiratory		Non Respiratory		Respiratory		Non. Respiratory.	
	M	F.	M	F	M	F	M	F
0-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
45-	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55-	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
65 and upwards.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0

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